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FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/824,269
Filing Date	April 2, 2004
First Named Inventor	Yoshiyuki TAKAKU
Group Art Unit	2182
Examiner Name	CASIANO, Angel L.
Attorney Docket Number	450100-03144

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**Submission required under CFR 1.114.**

1.

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on May 25, 2004  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2.

**Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3.

**Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.50-0320.
- b. ☒ A in the amount of **\$880.00** is enclosed for the following:
- i. ☒ \$770.00 for RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ \$110.00 for Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17): This is a petition to request a one-month extension of time.
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action which issued March 26, 2004, please  
consider the following amendment to the above-referenced application.